

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in December of 1997, the City of Austin passed a Resolution adopting the goal of ending the killing of adoptable homeless pets at the City of Austin's animal shelter by the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City's animal shelter made improvements but did not reach the 1997 Resolution's stated goal of ending the killing of adoptable homeless pets by the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters in other communities have dramatically reduced the killing of homeless pets through the implementation of proven, cost-effective programs and policies since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the most successful animal shelters in the country have demonstrated the ability to save roughly 90 percent of all sheltered animals without significantly increasing animal-shelter funding; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Austin deserve an animal shelter that succeeds at saving the lives of homeless animals at a level that is consistent with the most successful animal shelters in the country; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Animal Advisory Commission is directed to evaluate and make recommendations on policies and programs proven to be effective at reducing the killing of homeless animals, including, but not limited to, policies and programs related to reducing the intake, and increasing live outcomes, of sheltered animals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk